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SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

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Before: Judge Bankole Thompson

Registrar: Mr. Robin Vincent

Decision of: 16th of April, 2003

THE PROSECUTOR

Against

AUGUSTINE GBAO also known as AUGUSTINE BAO

CASE NO. SCSL-2003-09-I

DECISION APPROVING THE INDICTMENT

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. David Crane

Mr. Luc Cote'

Mrs. Brenda Hollis

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE (“the Special Court”),

SITTING AS Judge Bankole Thompson, designated by the President of the Special Court according to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“the Rules”);

HAVING RECEIVED on the 16th of April, 2003 from the Prosecutor the enclosed indictment and supporting material, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules, against AUGUSTINE GBAO also known as AUGUSTINE BAO, a citizen of Sierra Leone, born on the 13th of August, 1948 at Blama, Kenema District, Republic of Sierra Leone, hereby accused of Crimes Against Humanity, Violations of Article 3 Common to the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocol II, and Other Violations of International Humanitarian Law;

BEING SATISFIED from the material tendered by the Prosecution that there is sufficient evidence to provide reasonable grounds for believing that AUGUSTINE GBAO has committed crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court and that the allegations would, if proven, amount to the crimes specified and particularized in the said indictment;

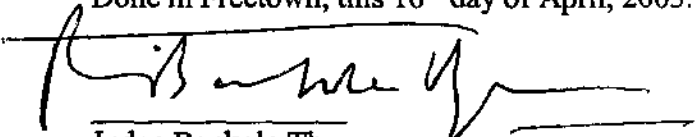
HEREBY APPROVES, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules, the Indictment submitted by the Prosecutor against the Accused in respect of each and every count.

TAKES NOTE OF AND GRANTS the Prosecution’s request that the prior arrest, transfer and detention of AUGUSTINE GBAO pursuant to Rule 40 and Rule 40 *bis* of the Rules be confirmed and that an order for continued detention be issued against AUGUSTINE GBAO;

DIRECTS the Registrar, in accordance with Rule 55 (B) of the Rules, to serve on the Government of Sierra Leone the following:

1. this Decision of the Special Court;
2. the Order of the Special Court confirming the Prior Arrest of AUGUSTINE GBAO, his transfer and detention and ordering his continued detention in the custody of the Special Court.

Done in Freetown, this 16th day of April, 2003.



 Judge Bankole Thompson
 Designated Judge

